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Fall 2024 Lecture Series: Perspectives on Democracy

50 Years since the Southern European Democratic Transitions: A Comparative Approach

Fifty years after the transitions to democracy in Greece, Spain, and Portugal, the legacy of those pivotal moments continues to provoke reflection. What lessons can be drawn from the diverse democratic paths forged in these nations? How has the political heritage of those intense times shaped the present? While once celebrated as anchors and springboards for progress, these transitions have, over time, come to be seen as burdens and traps, particularly in the wake of the Great Recession (2009-2015). This talk explores how the memory of these democratic transitions has evolved, tracing why they continue to stir strong emotional responses.



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4:00 PM

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Light refreshments will be served

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